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Sir:

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Applicants offer to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

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